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FROM: LITURGY BRISBANE (ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE)  
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RE: NEW ONLINE TRAINING COURSES FOR LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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Providing adequate formation and training for parish liturgical ministers was difficult even before the impact of COVID-19. Busy lives and family commitments make it impossible to gather all parish Readers or Lay Ministers of Holy Communion together for face-to-face workshops.

Liturgy Brisbane has responded to this challenge by launching a new online platform to provide comprehensive formation and training which can be completed by liturgical ministers at their own pace, in their own home, at times that suit them.

Each course provides general formation on liturgy and liturgical ministry and then specific training for each particular ministry. Initial courses offered are for Ministers of the Word, who proclaim scripture at Mass, and Lay Ministers of Holy Communion. A combined course, for those who serve in both of these ministries is also available.

Courses are delivered through a series of short videos, readings, quizzes and downloadable course notes. Parishes can be confident in the knowledge that their ministers have all experienced the same high quality content, and a final certificate confirms each participant's completion of the course.

Discounted course bundles are available, enabling parishes to distribute vouchers and provide course access to ministers. This is particularly useful for new volunteers who can immediately begin training without the need to wait for the next available live workshop.

Early feedback from those who have completed the courses has been unanimously positive with participants commenting on the informative content presented in a style which invites meaningful engagement with the course. Courses can be accessed at [www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au)

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